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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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SUBJECT: ZAMBIA'S TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS

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1. LOCAL OFFICIAL OF ANGLO-AMERICAN MINING COMPANY (WEBBER) TOLD US THAT GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY HAVE AGREED ON REROUTING PLAN FOR COPPER EXPORTS THROUGH INDIAN OCEAN PORTS NOW THAT LOBITO IN ANGOLA IS VIRTUALLY CLOSED AS OUTLET. ZAMBIANS PROPOSE DIRECTING MONTHLY COPPER SHIPMENTS AS FOLLOWS (IN METRIC TONS): DAR ES SALAAM, 35,000; BEIRA THROUGH KATETE, 15,000; NACALA THROUGH MALAWI, 10,000. SOURCE SAID PLAN PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE OF ACHIEVEMENT BUT IT REMAINS LATEST TARGET.

2. WE ALSO INFORMED THAT SOME OF 20,000 TONS OF COPPER STRANDED AT LOBITO WAS BEING LOADED SINCE AUG 21 ON
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SHIPS BUT THAT EFFICIENCY AT PORT VERY LOW.

3. SOURCE UNINFORMED AS TO HOW ZAMBIA PLANS TO MOVE NEARLY 108,000 TONS OF IMPORTS STRANDED IN LOBITO AS LONG AS BENGUELA RAILWAY LINE THREATENED. SOURCE UNDERSTANDS THERE HAS BEEN NO RPT NO PHYSICAL DAMAGE TO LINE BUT THIS CONFLICTS WITH AMEMB KINSHASA 7733. WE ATTEMPTING ASCERTAIN POSSIBILITIES FOR REROUTING BY SEA AROUND CAPE.

4. BOTH MINING OFFICIAL AND WE AGREED ON IMPRACTICALITY OF ANY ATTEMPT TO AIRLIFT ZAMBIA'S IMPORT CARGO OUT OF LOBITO AS AIRSTRIP THERE REPORTEDLY CAPABLE OF HANDLING LOADS UP TO MAXIMUM OF 4 TONS ONLY.

5. BOTH NCHANGA AND ROAN HAVE EITHER WITHDRAWN SHIPMENTS MOVED EARLIER INTO LUBUMBASHI, OR ARE NOT RPT NOT SENDING ADDITIONAL SHIPMENTS THERE FOR TRANSFER. MEANWHILE, SOURCE SAID ZAMBIAN MINING COMPANIES WILL RUN OCCASIONAL CHECKS TO TEST UNOBSTRUCTED MOVEMENT OF GOODS OVER BENGUELA LINE TO LOBITO.
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